

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for. Attach additional pages or files as necessary. Please print or type for hard copy. For electronic copy, be sure to save this file to your computer before entering text. Attach field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed (if hard copy), mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216, or e-mail electronic copy as an attachment to Paul Edward Conover at <zoiseaux@lusfiber.net> .

1. English and Scientific names: Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 female of unknown age
3. Parish: Cameron
Specific Locality: LA-82 approximately 1.25 mi west of Calcasieu Ship Channel
4. Date(s) when observed:
1 November 2024
5. Time(s) of day when observed:
5:13 PM
6. Reporting observer and city/state address

Reporting observer: Jack Rogers
City: Kingsville
State: Texas

7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s):
Ryan Rodriguez
8. Other observers who *independently identified* the bird(s):
Elliot Ress, Eryn Woernley, Andre Golumbeski, Charles Lyons, Melissa Weaver
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Well and evenly lit while perched, somewhat backlit in flight
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition):
Leica 10x42 binoculars in good condition
11. Distance to bird(s):
15 feet at closest
12. Duration of observation:
10 minutes

13. Habitat: Day-roosting on a powerline over a highway with low-moderate traffic; surrounded by grassy dunes, open beach, high marsh, and grazed pasture

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Roosting when originally seen, flushed by OSPR after a few minutes of observation, where it then returned to almost the exact spot it was roosting at

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species; body bulk, shape, proportions; bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species, *or for species that are known to hybridize frequently, stress features that help eliminate possible hybrids*):

A small *Chordeiles* nighthawk, overall sandy gray-tan with buffy spots on upperwing covert tips, buffy wing band on outer primaries (primarily P7-10) on distal edges of feathers, buffy spots on outer primaries, and P9 longer than P10 giving a more rounded look to the wing in flight

16. Voice: Silent

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Common/Antillean Nighthawk: eliminated by presence of buffy spots on outer primaries and wing band placement relative to primary bases

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Photographs by me attached

19. Previous experience with this species:

Lives in my yard in Texas, I see them almost every evening in the summer/early fall

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: n/a

b. after observation: n/a

21. This description is written from:

	notes made during the observation. Are notes attached?	via eBird https://ebird.org/checklist/S201039963
Y	notes made after the observation. At what date?	
Y	memory	
Y	study of images	

22. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes

23. Date: 4 Nov 2024
Time: 12:30 PM

24. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

_____yes_____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____yes_____



